

PRISON DIRECTORS UNDER SHARP FIRE

Junketing Trip to Albany in
1906 Charged to State.

WIVES' EXPENSES INCLUDED

Dr. Stewart, Penitentiary Physician,
Called on Criminal Negligence
Case, Which Resulted in the Death
of George Walker, a Federal Con-
vict from Washington.

Special to The Washington Herald.
Moundsville, W. Va., Feb. 9.—The in-
vestigation of the charges made against
the penitentiary board of directors by
Delegate Moore started this afternoon at
1 o'clock. Senator Fisher was made
chairman of the committee.

Dr. W. H. Stewart, who was physician
and surgeon at the institution seven
years, was the first witness called. He
related the trip the board of directors
took to the prison congress held at Al-
bany in 1906, stating that the board, with
their wives and himself, toured the
Great Lakes, visited Niagara Falls, spent
several days on Lake Champlain and
then visited Saratoga, arriving at Albany
six days later.

Clerk Legg, of the institution, was sum-
moned and testified that the trip cost
\$800, which was charged to the State.

This included, he said, the expenses for
the members of the board's wives.
Stewart was called on criminal neglig-
ence. He stated that on April 6, 1907,
he was called to the dungeon, where he
found George Walker, a Federal convict
from Washington, unconscious. He
stated he found his clothes wringing wet
and his eyes set. The man was rushed to
the hospital, but only regained conscious-
ness one day, dying on the 15th.

Part of Records Missing.
Stewart stated that from the condition
the man was in when he found him,
he had evidently been mistreated. Stew-
art then produced his prison records to
show the record of Walker, but part
of this was missing. Examination showed
that two leaves had been cut out of the
book.

Prison Guard R. L. Thompson was next
called. He was nervous on the stand,
testifying that he saw Walker working
on the 13th, which was three days after
he had died.

STRIKES AND SPARES

TO-NIGHT'S GAMES.

Departmental League—Interior vs. Central, on the
Palace alleys.

Church League—Martin vs. Sixth, on the Royal
alleys.

District League—Seconaders vs. Spar-
nough, on the Royal alleys.

Navy Yard League—G. G. & S. M., on the
Palace alleys.

District League—King's Palace vs. Washington
Tobacco Company, on the Royal alleys.

Sunday School League—Union vs. Ninth, on the
Royal alleys.

Railway League—Track and Roadway vs. Eastern,
on the Association alleys.

Bureau of Engraving League—Tigers vs. Fowls, on
Sparnough's alleys.

Departmental League.

Post-office.

Ward.

Shaw.

Pollock.

Blanch.

Ricketts.

Totals.

Colonial League.

Manhattan.

Des Moines.

Waver.

Hamlin.

Ricketts.

Totals.

Sunday School League.

Calvary.

Mrs. Jones.

Robert.

Hamlin.

Miller.

Totals.

Union League.

Antiques.

Sir Louis.

Hamlin.

Hamlin.

Totals.

Commercial Duckpin League.

Mr. Jones & Sons.

Power.

Green.

Campbell.

Brace.

Totals.

District Duckpin League.

Royal.

Warren.

Hamlin.

Hamlin.

Totals.

Plate Printers' League.

Cuba.

Carrington.

Hamlin.

Hamlin.

Totals.

Corbett Badly Beaten.

Bowser, a Pittsburg Scrapper, Gets
Better of Former Champ.

Pittsburg, Feb. 9.—After quibbling for
an hour over terms and being threatened
with immediate arrest here-to-night for
violation of contract, young Corbett went
into the ring with Mike Bowser, of Pitts-
burg, and received a severe beating. Had
a decision been permitted under the State
laws, Bowser would surely have gotten it,
as Corbett was fat and on the defensive
all the way.

EASY FOR MORAN.

Matty Baldwin Badly Beaten in
Twelve Rounds.

Boston, Feb. 9.—Owen Moran, of Eng-
land, gave Matt Baldwin, of Charlestown,
the worst beating in his ring career in a
12-round bout at the Armory A. A. to-
night. Moran had things his own way from
start to finish. Moran began to beat a tattoo
on his opponent's countenance in the first
round and continued it to the end.

While you think of it, telephone your
order to The Washington Herald, and bill
will be sent you at 1 cent a word.

BOIL CANNON BALLS UP HILL.

Maryland "Aggie" Play Prank, but
Themselves Prove the Victims.

Special to The Washington Herald.

College Park, Md., Feb. 9.—Capt. Edgar
T. Conley, U. S. A., commandant at the
Maryland Agricultural College, is now
known among the student body of the
institution as "Cannon Ball" Conley.

Saturday morning of last week the com-
mandant discovered that the pyramid of
cannon balls used as an ornament in con-
nection with the artillery display on the
campus in front of the college had been
disarranged and the missiles rolled down
the hill a distance of several hundred
feet. The captain at once realized that
the episode was a prank, and was at first
inclined to ignore the incident.

On reflection, however, he decided to
discipline the cadets, and ordered out the
entire corps for several minutes of hard
and earnest work. The innocent cadets
shared the work with their guilty fellow-
classmates, and each cannon ball, weigh-
ing something over 100 pounds, was rolled
up the hill and placed in proper position.
Later in the day two of the cannon
balls were missed from the campus, and
Capt. Conley at once ordered out squads
of cadets, and the fields and woods in the
vicinity of the college were thoroughly
searched for the missing articles. When
they turned up in the evening the cadets
held a council of war and decided to
cease hostilities.

WEDS ABOARD CRUISER.

Bride Crosses Continent to Marry
Chief Engineer Collins.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—Mrs. Grace Mar-
guerite Bevere, of San Diego, Cal., was
married this afternoon to Chief Engineer
Collins, U. S. N., on the ceremony con-
ducting on the cruiser Chicago, at the
Norfolk Navy Yard, aboard which Chief
Engineer Collins is now on duty. Mrs. Be-
vere crossed the continent that she might
become the bride of the man of her choice.
Rev. Mr. Hoose, chaplain of the ship, pro-
nounced them man and wife. An informal
reception aboard the cruiser followed the
ceremony.

DENIES CONGO ATROCITIES.

Belgian Government Brings Legal
Proceedings Against Missionaries.

Stanton, Va., Feb. 9.—It is learned here
that the Belgian government has instituted
legal proceedings against William H.
Sheppard, a negro missionary in the Con-
go State, who went out from Stanton
about fifteen years ago.

It is understood that Rev. W. M. Mor-
rison, of Rockbridge, and other well-
known American missionaries are in-
cluded in the list of those charged.

The proceedings grew out of certain ex-
posures of alleged crime and cruelty per-
petrated upon the African natives by
Belgian officials. Sheppard charges that
he counted eighty-one heads cut from the
bodies of helpless Africans in a recent
atrocious in the Congo, and another mis-
sionary claims that twenty of the blacks
at one time were roped together around
the necks and led off to slavery.

The Belgian government denies the charges
and accuses the mission workers of
"calumnious denunciation." In view of
the prominence of the Presbyterian mis-
sionaries and the fact that their reports
have started the civilized world, the
outcome will be awaited with intense
interest. It is believed that the mis-
sionaries can substantiate their charges,
and that an end will be put to the
alleged atrocities in the Congo.

ASKS RECEIVER FOR CAR LINE.

Maryland Trust Company Plaintiff In
Newport News Case.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Feb. 9.—The Maryland Trust
Company of Baltimore, to-day filed in the
United States court here a bill asking
a receiver for the property of the
Newport News and Old Point Railway
and Electric Company. The trust com-
pany is trustee under a \$4,000,000 bond
issue of the railway and electric com-
pany. The defendant company was cited
to appear in court on March 1 and show
cause why a receiver should not be ap-
pointed.

There has been issued by the defendant
company \$75,000 in cumulative preferred
stock and \$1,025,000 in common stock. The
entire issue of the latter class is held
by W. J. Payne, president of the com-
pany. Payne says the suit is nothing
more than an effort to wrest control from
him.

MOSBY FOLLOWER DIES.

John H. Alexander, of Leesburg,
Wrote Story of Command.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—John H. Alex-
ander, native of Clarke County and a
prominent attorney of Leesburg, Va.,
died this morning at his home, from in-
flammation of the stomach. He was six-
ty-two years old.

Mr. Alexander was a noted criminal
lawyer and author, having recently is-
sued a very interesting work, "Mosby's
Men," and was a member of the Supreme
Judicial Tribunal of the order of the
Knights of Pythias. He was a Confed-
erate soldier and served throughout the
war in Mosby's command, and was one
of the youngest and most daring mem-
bers of that famous company.

He is survived by his wife, who was a
Miss Hughes, of Loudoun County, by
four daughters, Misses Elsie, Leona and
Mrs. Buell, of Conway, S. C., Misses
Violet and Ada Alexander, of Leesburg,
and one son (J. R. Alexander, an attor-
ney, of Leesburg).

ATTEL MAY BOX WINNER.

Abe Nearly Accepts Terms for Match
in Baltimore.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Baltimore, Feb. 9.—The question of Abe
Attel meeting the winner of Friday's con-
test between "Young Britt," of this city,
and Patsy Kline, of Newark, before the
Eureka Athletic Club, is getting de-
cidedly warm.

Al Herford was in receipt of a letter
this morning from Attel in which he sig-
nified his willingness to take on the win-
ner under certain conditions.

Incidentally Attel mentioned that he
would be greatly pleased if the Eureka
Club could arrange a match between him
and Driscoll. The tone of Attel's letter
indicates that he would be highly pleased
to face Driscoll in this city provided the
Eureka Club can get Driscoll to agree to
12 pounds ringside.

Philadelphians Win.

Kingston, Jamaica, Feb. 9.—The Phila-
delphia cricket team arrived at Port An-
tonio last night, and to-day met the local
club in a one-day match. The wicket was
tricky as the result of rain. Jamaica
went to bat first and made a total of 40
runs. The Philadelphians in their inning
scored 56. The match created great ex-
citement. The next match will be a two-
day one between the Americans and a
combination of players from the North
and South of Jamaica.

Injured in Sawmill.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Spotsylvania, Va., Feb. 9.—While work-
ing at a sawmill on Monday last, William
O. Kanele was thrown by the rapid mo-
tion of the mill carriage. His left arm
was broken in two places, and he was
otherwise painfully bruised.

LEAGUE TO DECLARE FOR LOCAL OPTION

Anti-Saloonists Will Accept
Views of Judge Mann.

REAL BATTLE THIS MORNING

Old-time Democratic Doctrine in Vir-
ginia of Local Option Will Probably
Carry at Norfolk, Although Slight
Modifications Are Probable—Judge
Mann Makes Opening Address.

Staff Correspondence The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Feb. 9.—Declaring that it
is dangerous at this time to press for-
ward prohibition in Virginia and that to
do so would complicate the issue with
gubernatorial issues and make it a "po-
litical football" for the politicians, the
Virginia Anti-Saloon League, which con-
vened to-night in Epworth Methodist
Church here in its eighth annual session,
heard the report of the legislative com-
mittee, the most powerful and influential
body in the League, which for its strong
endorsement of local option and its ear-
nest plea against forcing a state-wide
prohibition fight in Virginia was really
sensational.

This report was read by Rev. James
Cannon, Jr., president of the Anti-
Saloon League and chairman of the leg-
islative committee, who is the most in-
fluential character in the body. This com-
mittee shapes future policies of the
League and directs its fight against the
saloon. The reading of the report fol-
lowed the perfunctory addresses of wel-
come and response. It was heard by the
largest gathering of Anti-Saloon League
delegates in Virginia, and a body of men
prominent in their section of the State.

Report Is Laid Over.

The report was laid over to to-mor-
row morning, when it will come for dis-
cussion. It is then the real battle of
the entire convention will take place.
It was evident to-night that the local
option section of the report will be
fought. No sooner had it been read
than a delegate jumped up and asked if
the report was under consideration. This
delegate, it was stated, was ready to
protest against the local option section.
It is learned to-night that a substitute
has been prepared and this substitute will
urge State-wide prohibition, instead of
commending local option.

After interview with the leading dele-
gates, I do not believe the prohibition
substitute can carry, even if an effort
to stampede the convention is made. The
local optionists, headed by Judge William
Hedges Mann, who came out strongly for
that principle in his address to the con-
vention, and Rev. James Cannon, the
most influential character in Virginia
anti-saloon work, so far as I can observe,
control the convention, and will dictate
its policy.

Mumblings of Discontent.

Mumblings of discontent are already
being heard over the local option stand
of the committee. One delegate said the
indorsement by the league of the report
means nothing more than standing still
in the fight to banish the saloon from
Virginia.

Another feature of the report which
showed its tendency gubernatorially was
its strong indorsement of Judge William
Hedges Mann, candidate for governor,
for his temperance reform fight in the
Virginia legislature.

The report also recommended much ad-
ditional temperance legislation, especially
more stringent laws where saloons exist,
and for the protection of dry territory
from wet districts. It favors the labeling
in red to consignments of shipments, with
name of intoxicant and quantity. It
favors the cutting out of profits in mu-
nicipal dispensaries, prohibiting sale of
intoxicants contiguous to dry cities, pro-
hibiting saloons in cities, and increas-
ing penalties for drunkenness, so as to
make it a crime in the eyes of those
who take "one too many," increased
power to the governor to control saloon
traffic, and for the county unit.

Hope Law Will Be Upheld.

The report also touches on the Ward
law, which it believes will be upheld
by the Supreme Court, but if declared
unconstitutional a new condition will
arise which must be met in future may
be, forcing State-wide prohibition.

The report further states that perhaps
next year the prohibition fight may be
pressed forward, when there will be no
complicating features in the fight. This
is taken as a suggestion for a compro-
mise in order to smooth the feelings of
the staunch prohibitionists in convention.
The adoption of this report will mean
that prohibition will be removed from
the Democratic gubernatorial campaign
this year.

Hundreds of delegates are here and
there is much political talk among them.
Judge William Hedges Mann is the
"lion of the hour." He is the center of
every group, and the Anti-Saloon
League do not hesitate to declare he
is the candidate for governor. In fact,
no other gubernatorial name is heard.

Even Carter Glass, the State-wide
prohibitionist, has yet failed to en-
thuse any of the delegates. It is a Mann gathering,
and the followers of the Nottoway can-
didate for governor, supported by James
Cannon, Jr., president of the league, are
in control of the convention and will
more or less influence its deliberations.

One of the most important developments
of the day is that the Republicans will
aimed certainly, enter the gubernatorial
race on a State-wide prohibition platform.
In fact, the Anti-Saloon League will be
served notice that the Republicans will
make such a campaign, and the body
will be asked to declare whether they
sincerely favor prohibition in Virginia.

Not Ripe for Prohibition.

It is learned that the Democratic local
optionists will reply to this argument by
stating that Virginia and Virginia cities
are not ripe for prohibition, and the
prohibition issue will not be forced to the
front in Virginia until public sentiment
of the State will support it. This attitude
of the Anti-Saloon League indicates that
the Democratic organization leaders and the
Anti-Saloon League leaders are in har-
mony.

Judge Mann, in his speech at the open-
ing of the Anti-Saloon League, came out
flatfooted for local option. He says: "The
principle of local option, which is the
policy of the league, and which I think
wise, permits communities to settle this
great question for themselves, and has
not been slow in its operation, as results
will show, but the determination of the
question by the communities for them-
selves has made law enforcement easy,
and the Old Dominion has moved forward
along temperance lines in such a way,
and presents to-day a condition so ad-
vanced, so solid and satisfactory that the
league may be proud of its splendid lead-
ers, and follow with confidence and with
unbroken front the banner of temperance,
which has never been advanced because
of clamor."

Largest Morning Circulation.

PRISONER IN GUIANA.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Richmond, Va., Feb. 9.—"I'm so tired!
I've been traveling all night and all
day without one bit of rest. But, oh,
judge, and you Mr. Jurymen, I love
Roy so, and I'm going to marry him,
and I just had to tell you this, because
he never harmed anybody."

Thus did pretty Grace Adams, of New
York, private secretary to "Big Tim"
Sullivan, of Tammany Hall fame, secure
the acquittal of her betrothed, Roy Wad-
sworth, aged twenty-three years, who for five
months had been locked in the city jail
on charge of having attempted to
attack Miss Maggie Bauer, a well
known society woman of this city.

REVENGE AFTER FOUR YEARS

W. S. Biggers Attacks J. G. Hood in
Street and Five Hundred Persons
Witness Tragedy—Gives No Warn-
ing of His Purpose—Excitement
Follows the Sensational Attack.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 9.—J. G. Hood, at
one time a leading dry goods merchant
of Charlotte, was shot and fatally wound-
ed at an early hour this morning by W.
S. Biggers, a dealer in blooded horses.

The shooting occurred on the sidewalk
directly in front of Capital Hotel, only a
few feet from Independence Square, in
the heart of the city, and was witnessed
by upward of 500 people. It was the
most sensational tragedy ever enacted in
the city's history and has been the talk
to-day.

Riggers fired four shots, three taking
effect in the head of his victim, and one
barely missing a negro hack driver, and
smashing a plate glass in the window of
the national bank across the street. With
the third shot Hood fell to the street.
Standing over the prostrate man, Biggers
fired a last shot into the back of his
skull.

Lived Several Hours.

Although his head was perforated in
several places the wounded man lived for
several hours in the hospital.

Biggers surrendered to a policeman,
giving up his revolver, and was taken to
headquarters. There he is now in a
state of violent insanity, singing, shout-
ing, and acting in a wild manner.

Trouble grew out of business differ-
ences dating back four or five years. Big-
gers and Hood were then business part-
ners. The concern failed. Biggers claims
he lost all his investments, and that Hood
got his funds.

After the failure, several years ago,
Hood attempted suicide.

No word was spoken this morning be-
fore the shooting commenced. Biggers is
a one-armed man. He has a wife and
several children. Hood was middle-aged
and leaves a wife and two children.

COOPER JURY NOT COMPLETE.

Twelfth Man Not Found in Total of
2,500 Called.

Nashville, Tenn., Feb. 9.—Falling to se-
lect the twelfth juror from the fifth panel
of the fifth venire of 500 men summoned
in the case of Col. D. B. Cooper, R. J.
Cooper, and J. D. Sharp, charged with
the murder of ex-Senator Carmack, the
sixth venire was ordered to report next
Friday morning. The session of court
was the shortest since the case was
called, lasting three-quarters of an hour.
Not one of the men examined qualified.

Sixteen veniremen were fined to-day for
not responding. The court room was
crowded.

Railroad Pioneer Dead.

Cleveland, Ohio, Feb. 9.—John C. Wil-
lams, president of the Forest City Steel
and Iron Company, recognized as one of
the leading railroad construction engi-
neers in the country, died here yesterday.

Death was due indirectly to a fall from
a street car in September last.

Mr. Williams was born in Hagerstown,
Md., June 3, 1833. His first active railroad
work was on the first survey of the
Baltimore and Ohio west from Cumber-
land, Md. He was also instrumental in
obtaining the right of way for the first
telegraph line between Washington and
Baltimore.

Want a Coaling Station.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Annapolis, Md., Feb. 9.—At a large and
enthusiastic meeting of farmers and citi-
zens of Anne Arundel County, held here
to-day, active steps were taken looking
toward securing the passage by Congress of
a bill providing for the establishment of a
naval coaling station and dry dock at
Drum Point, in the Patuxent River, on
the one hand, and advocating the build-
ing of the proposed Drum Point Railroad
from Baltimore to Patuxent, on the other.

New Ownership of Mine.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Salisbury, N. C., Feb. 9.—With Walter
George Newman, a well known financier
of New York, as president and a work-
ing capital of \$300,000 available, the
Union Copper Mines of Gold Hill, Rowan
County, have been reorganized and oper-
ations resumed on a large scale. Mr. New-
man was president of the mine ten years
ago, but it passed into other hands and
was sold at auction last week. The mine
is one of the richest in the South.

Bond Issue Is Defeated.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Clarkeburg, W. Va., Feb. 9.—An elec-
tion was held here to-day to vote on the
proposition of the city issuing thirty-
year bonds to the amount of \$150,000,
to be used for water works and sewerage
extension and improvements. The vote
resulted in 555 for the bonds and 485
against, but as the law requires a three-
fifths